

March 6, 2014

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Jeffries and Curtis attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Charles Parsley – Best Equipment; Supt. Moss; Councilman Fuelling; David Campbell – Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates; Winter Maynard; Lois Gray – Posey County News; Pam Robinson – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Jeffries moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion.

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Curtis moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none,.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens was not present.

Supt. Moss stated they took the VacCon truck to Indianapolis for repairs. They ended up having four pages of things that are wrong with the truck. He added Mr. Parsley is present and has specifications on a new truck. Their truck is unsafe. The suction could blow up on it while in use, the brakes are bad, etc. It is time for a new truck. He asked that the Board think about it. He then stated again, four pages of things that are wrong with it.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked the Board's opinion ? He then suggested they get some prices on the repairs versus the cost of a new truck. He added they may be able to use some SRF money that they have coming in, if the eastside sewer project is not approved by SRF. He then stated they have some back sewer bills that are getting ready to be paid as well.

Mr. Parsley stated the truck definitely needs to be put back to a safe condition. The current VacCon truck is a 1999. The vacuum system is aged on bearings and the fan blades. It could vibrate and be very unsafe. The cost of the needed repairs is approximately \$92,000 – to get in back to a safe condition. Again, this is a 1999 machine. Of course the new units are much more efficient and have newer technology. He added he does have a quote a new machine, minus a trade in allowance, which he then passed out to the Board. He stated the quote is based on purchasing through a purchasing co-op, which means they have already gone through the bidding process. Again, the current machine is down, and it is unsafe. He added they are provisions that allow them to make an emergency type purchase. He stated he met up with Supts. Givens and Moss last week at the pump show, and they mentioned they may be interested in a pull behind trailer jet for use when the truck is down. He added he has a price on that as well and they are readily available and could be here in a week. He stated a new unit would be here in 30 to 45 days. As for the time frame on making repairs if they chose to do that, he is unsure.

Supt. Givens replied about 30 days is what he was told.

Mr. Parsley agreed that would probably be the case, as they are looking at a total rebuild on the 1999. He then stated they are at least five years beyond its lifespan.

Board member Curtis questioned the use, or need of the trailer jet?

Mr. Parsley replied it is a good emergency tool, though there is no vacuum. It holds around 700 gallons of water and is a great back up tool for when the bigger truck is down.

Supt. Givens added they are a great benefit in subdivisions as well – gets them closer to where the need to be.

Mr. Parsley added that again, this is a straight water jet and hose, there is no vacuum.

Mayor Tucker stated the VacCon truck is a very valuable tool to the Sewer Department. In fact, he had a call today that would require its use. He added they need to make a decision rather quickly as they have projects that are ongoing now. He then stated he is concerned with the word “unsafe”.

Board member Curtis agreed and added they have to have the truck. He then stated he does not know the financial situation Supt. Givens has, or where SRF would possibly stand on this. He added they could be waiting a month to six weeks for a new one. He stated he really just wants to look at the books before he makes a decision – that is a chunk of money and he doesn’t feel like he can make a decision in 10 minutes.

Supt. Givens stated he has to find a way to operate daily without the truck.

Mr. Parsley stated there are a couple of different ways they could do this. One is an emergency purchase, and this qualifies for that. They could do an NJPA contract through the purchasing co-op; no bids or specifications required. He then stated they could also transport the old truck back for use without the vacuum system. They can still use the water – and the trailer jet is another option.

Supt. Givens stated he is familiar with the trailer jets. They are very nice and he would like to have one regardless – for a back up.

Board member Curtis stated he is not inclined to do that. He added he just wants to see first where they will pay for a new truck. He then stated there is no need to bring the truck back if it is unsafe.

Supt. Givens stated if he can’t use the suction, they could still use the reel hose. He added he needs that truck down there.

Board member Curtis questioned the bad brakes, etc. They know now that it is unsafe.

Board member Jeffries stated possibly some of the smaller items could be addressed.

Supt. Givens stated he thought the brakes were already fixed.

Mr. Parsley replied the springs were off the front brakes, and yes, they are already repaired at a cost of around \$400.00. He added they are most concerned with the vacuum system. He then stated he can’t see spending that kind of money on a 1999 truck.

Board member Curtis agreed and added they won’t be getting their money’s worth back out of it.

Supt. Givens stated he had a service guy look at it before they took it to Indianapolis.

Board member Curtis stated but now they have had it inspected and they know how dangerous it is. Mayor Tucker stated Sewer Chairman Fuelling is here and asked if he and Supt. Givens went over the list of repairs ?

Sewer Chairman Fuelling stated he agrees with Board member Curtis that they should look at where the money is coming from first. He then stated they can't put up with it being a danger and it is old and worn out. He stated he will get with Supt. Givens on the figures and look at getting a new VacCon truck first, and put the jet trailer on the back burner.

Board member Curtis stated they have to have the truck.

Sewer Chairman Fuelling questioned how much pressure the pull behind has compared to the truck ?

Mr. Parsley replied the trailer has a ¾" hose whereas the truck has a 1" hose.

Mayor Tucker asked that they get back to the Board when they have some figures.

Supt. Givens stated he needs a truck, he needs to get it back.

Mr. Parsley stated the brakes are fixed and it is drivable.

Sewer Chairman Fuelling suggested they bring it home.

Mr. Parsley replied he can have it down here tomorrow.

Supt. Givens continued his report by stating Franks Engineering will be down next week to install the software for the new alarm system they have discussed the past couple of meetings. He added he will need the city credit card to go to A T & T to purchase a new modem to receive the text signals.

Board member Jeffries moved permission to use the city credit card for the purchase be given.

Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Dieterle stated the new packer truck is in, though it is not in service yet. It will be lettered tomorrow. It is a very nice vehicle.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they are ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda and the first item is action on the bids for the multi-purpose building at Riverbend Park. He added Clerk of the Works Levin has looked at the bids and concurs that the low bidder is the bid they should accept.

Board member Curtis moved the Board accept the low bid of Hinderliter (\$68,502) and enter into a contract for the construction on the building, and they issue the Notice to Proceed. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Councilman Fuelling stated there is also a contingency fund as well. They are good on money and he feels good about the bid and the plan.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously. He then stated the contingency is \$8,000, making the contract \$76,502 – not to exceed \$77,000.00.

Mayor Tucker stated on Tuesday, March 4, there was a meeting with Bernardin Lochmueller and the business owners on the eastside sewer project. He added Supt. Givens attended as well as Attorney Higgins, Chairman Fuelling, and himself. He added it was a good meeting and lots of good questions.

He stated they are not ready to sign a contract with BLA yet – until he knows that SRF will pay for the project.

Board member Curtis moved BLA submit the project to SRF for approval of payment. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Supt. Givens asked if they do approve the project.....

Mayor Tucker stated they will need to sign a contract before they proceed.

Councilman Fuelling stated most of the folks he talked to are in favor of gravity flow sewers, depending on the cost to the business owners. He then stated Supt. Givens will determine the bill as some have paid some kind of hook up fee already.

Supt. Givens stated he will start Monday on that.

Mayor Tucker stated they need to find out about the tap fees too.

Supt. Givens replied yes, and if they have paid, they will get credit for the part they have paid so it is justifiable.

Mayor Tucker stated Winter Maynard is in the Audience.

Ms. Maynard stated the Healthy Communities Partnership, and Mayor of LaPorte, are going all over the state and putting on 5K runs. There will be no roadblocks, just cones set up, and the Mayor of LaPorte will be providing all of that. They will be using the same course that Miles for MV Athletics uses, and she does have the school on board with this as well.

Chief Beloit asked if this is the same course she had emailed him about ?

Ms. Maynard replied yes. She added it will take place Saturday, March 8 at 2:00 pm. She asked if there were any questions ?

Mayor Tucker stated the city is co-sponsoring this. He added he checked with Dennis Feldhaus, with the city insurance company, and he is putting a rider on at no additional cost.

Board member Jeffries moved they approve the request to use the city streets, city co-sponsoring the event, to be held March 8 at 2:00 pm. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was one.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Maynard left the meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated under Old Business is discussion of the stop light at 4th and Walnut. He stated INDOT conducted a study and they feel the light is not needed, it does not meet the criteria for a stop light. He added the city needs to make a decision on the light, though when it comes right down to it, the State will do what they want anyway. He added they will discuss this again at the Council meeting this evening.

Councilman Fuelling stated the E & S Housing Project is almost complete, but there are some changes.

Mr. Campbell stated he has some work change directives with him today. The lining is in and the videoing is done. He then stated the taps now are an issue. He added there are 20 laterals that have water coming into the system – top hats will help stop that infiltration. He added the estimate for 20 top hats is \$54,000.00. He added he will have a final change order on this when he gets the actual number.

Board member Curtis stated if they don't do this, the job really isn't done, and there will still be infiltration.

Mr. Campbell replied yes, basically. There isn't a final solution until the sump pumps are all addressed.

Councilman Fuelling stated there was money saved on the initial project and this is a pretty even charge here as they saved around \$45,000 and this costs \$54,000.00.

Mr. Campbell added the manhole lining may also be cheaper than they originally thought.

Supt. Givens added this part needs to be done.

Board member Curtis moved they approve Change Order #2 for \$54,000.00. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Campbell then stated work change directive #3 is to camera the actual laterals that run into homes, at a cost of \$22,000.00.

Councilman Fuelling stated it is tricky as those lines actually belong to the homeowners and are their responsibility. He added after the work that was already done, they can see a lot of solid roots. He stated they wanted to bring this up to the Board for input and a decision.

Board member Jeffries stated if they give the owner the information, they would feel it is on the city to fix it.

Councilman Fuelling added it would complete the project, then they could smoke test.

Supt. Givens stated the laterals tell them a lot of information – it may not be just sump pumps and downspouts.

Board member Curtis asked what good that does the city ? The city isn't fixing it once it is discovered so in this case, he doesn't see the cost benefit to the city to proceed.

Mr. Campbell replied it could identify problems, but some folks could say that the work the city did caused the problems.

Board member Jeffries stated he does not know how people may react either. He then asked how much longer on the initial project ?

Mr. Campbell replied they are essentially done.

Supt. Givens stated if they still have an SSO or a CSO, they have to stop that. He added seeing the laterals would definitely help, but he is fine if they decide not to do it.

Board member Jeffries stated some folks may want the opportunity to have theirs checked, that is an option.

Mayor Tucker stated back to Change Order #2, that also give the contractor a 15 day extension to complete the project.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer